

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 v.  
12 Plaintiff,

13 SCOTT THOMAS VISNICH,  
14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-0069-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.  
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. Defendant is scheduled to appear before  
18 the Court for a sentencing hearing on October 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. (See Dkt. No. 60.) Presently,  
19 because of the health risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court is unable to conduct in  
20 person hearings. However, the Court may conduct a felony sentencing hearing by video  
21 conference if the Court finds that the sentencing cannot be further delayed without serious harm  
22 to the interests of justice. See W.D. Wash., General Order No. 14-20 (Sept. 24, 2020), 04-20  
23 (Mar. 30, 2020). Defendant is DIRECTED to advise the Court and the Government whether he  
24 wishes to go forward with sentencing by video conference on October 21, 2020. If Defendant  
25 wishes to go forward, he is instructed to file a motion consistent with the Court's procedures as  
26 articulated on the District's website (<https://www.wawd.uscourts.gov/judges/coughenour>-

procedures), including Defendant's consent to proceed remotely and the specific reasons the sentencing cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.

DATED this 14th day of October 2020.

William M. McCool  
Clerk of Court

s/Tomas Hernandez  
Deputy Clerk